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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Venkataraman Balasubramanian  
Group Art Unit: 1624  
Applicants: David Lauffer, et al.  
Application No.: 10/039,898  
Filed: January 3, 2002  
For: CYCLIZED AMINO ACID DERIVATIVES

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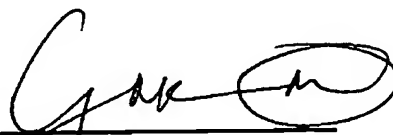
Cambridge, Massachusetts  
October 16, 2003Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time to respond to the Office Action dated June 16, 2003. With the extension, a response is due on or before October 16, 2003.

The Director is authorized to charge the requisite fee of \$110.00 that is due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(1) to Deposit Account No. 50-0725. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,



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